

Utah's Public Health History

APHA's 125th Anniversary Celebration -- 1872 - 1997

Utah Pioneer's Sesquicentennial -- 1847-1997

State of Utah's Centennial -- 1896-1996

Utah
A State of
Well Beings

Utah's Population



2002
Winter
Olympics in Salt
Lake City and
surrounding
areas

Public Health issues
and solutions relating
to this international
event are
being planned by
state and local health
leaders

2002
Health Legacy
A cooperative effort
between public and
private health to uti-
lize the Olympic
Spirit to maximize
the health of individuals
and communities in Utah

1988
Attempt to remove
the requirement
that a physician
must be the
Executive Director
of UDOH

1984
Two public health
policy documents
published
"A Statement of
Health Policy-A
Prescription to
Improve the Health
Status of Utahns"
and
"A Prescription for
Health Care Costs in
Utah"

1986
New State Health
Building dedicated
Named after pioneer
woman public health
leader
Martha Hughes Cannon

1970s
New emphasis on
prevention and
early detection,
Cervical cancer,
hypertension, tobacco,
families at high
risk and cholesterol
awareness

1970
A very successful
"Rub Out
Rubella" cam-
paign launched

1967
Utah's State Health
Department
reduced in status
from a Department
to a Division within
in Welfare agency

1960s
Cerebral palsy and
mental retardation
program began

1960s
Air pollution, PKU
testing and a
statewide Medical
Examiner system
started

1952
Problems with
underfunding
Public Health in
Utah continued
133 resignations out of a
total of 175 employees at
State Health Department

1950s
Immunization pro-
grams began

1952
Rheumatic heart
disease programs
began

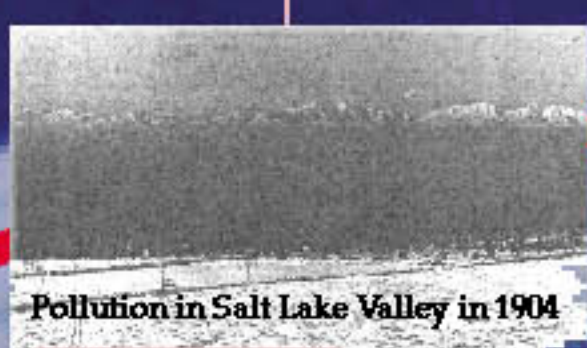
1950s
Emergency Medical
Services begin

1936
Crippled Children
Program started

1934-1949
Reports criticizing Utah's lack of
funding for Public Health pub-
lished by the Utah Medical
Association and Yale University

1937
Standards on test-
ing of prophylactics
approved

1937
Utah first fully
organized local
health department,
in Davis County



1907
Law enacted to
allow teaching san-
itation and disease
prevention in pub-
lic schools

1900
A compulsory vaccination ordi-
nance repealed by Legislature

1915
Salt Lake City
becomes first com-
munity in Utah to
chlorinate its drink-
ing water

1925
First public health
laboratory estab-
lished

1904-1940
Tuberculosis Sanatorium proposed in 1904 by Board of Health, finally built in 1940,
but co-resident with Silicosis patients (which was opposed by Board of Health)

1922
Maternal and
Child Health pro-
grams funded by
Congress

1916
Utah Public Health
Association orga-
nized

1911
physical examina-
tions of pre-school
and school children
and Health
Education begins

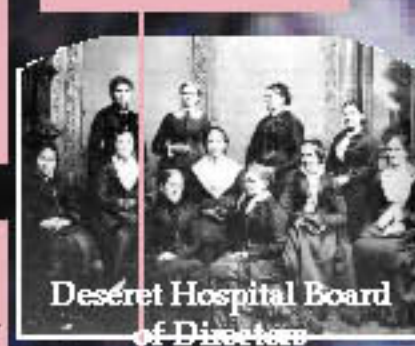
1918
Influenza epidem-
ic took thousands
of lives



1897
Martha Hughes
Cannon, First
Woman State
Legislator in U.S.
history elected to
Utah Senate

1898
Law creating a State
Board of Health
enacted and Utah's
first health officer
appointed

1882
Deseret Hospital
built by Mormon
Church



1872
American Public
Health Association
organized

1872
Utah's first two hos-
pitals built - Saint
Mark's and Holy
Cross Hospitals



1849
The Society of
Health and a
Council of Health
organized

1848
Early preventive
health education
taught by Brigham
Young

1847-1860s
Mormon Immigrants come to Utah area by the thousands



1870s-1880s
Utah Press proposes construction of sewers,
condemning all surface wells and connect-
ing all residences with city water lines

1872
Epidemics of
diphtheria,
scarlet fever,
and an epi-
demic bowel
complaint

1880
Diphtheria epi-
demic took 749
lives

1847
Brigham Young
and Mormon pio-
neers arrive in Salt
Lake Valley

Pre-History - 1840s
Anasazi, American Indians, Trappers



1997
Sesquicentennial
of Pioneers enter-
ing Salt Lake
Valley

1997
125 Year
Anniversary of
APHA

1996
Utah
Centennial
celebration of
Utah becoming
a state

1987
New emphasis on
educating the public
about AIDS

1990s
Public health issues
addressed include
AIDS, mumps, of
tobacco use, access
to adequate health
care, contamination
from hazardous
wastes, immigration
of international
health issues and
others



2000s
New century public
health issues will
continue to be
addressed

Utah's State Health
Officers ->

Theodore B. Beatty, MD 1896 - 1935

J.L. Jones,
MD 1935-1938

W.M. McKay, MD
1938-1947

W.W.
Eggen,
MD
1947-1948

G.A.
Sparks,
MD
1948-1955

J.P.
Kester,
MD
1955-1958

C.W.
Wheeler,
MD
1958-1961

G.D. Cutyle
Thompson, MD
1961-1970

Lynn J. Olsen, MD
1970-1979

James O.
Mason, MD
1979-1983

M.J.
Rutledge,
MD
1983-1985

Suzanne
Dandoy, MD
1985-1992

Rod L. Britt
1992 - Present